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 Application No.: **09/698,357**
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 For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ABLATING TISSUE**

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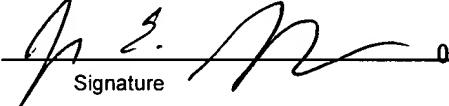
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